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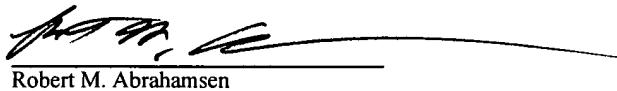
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the specification of the above-identified patent application as follows:

A' On page 1, before "Background", insert --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/071,147, filed January 12, 1998.--

A2 On page 2, line 4, before "regulation football", replace "A" with --The playing time of a--.  
On page 2, line 4, after "hour", replace ". The play time of a football game is" with --, the hour being--.

On page 2, line 5, replace "two halves," with --two thirty-minute halves, and--.

On page 2, line 7, replace "sides" with --directions--.

On page 2, line 12, replace "off" with --kick-off--.

On page 2, line 12, delete "generally".

On page 2, line 13, replace "kick off" with --kick-off--.